

## Trail Poop

Carefully gathered by the fairly inarticulate Tim Bernard at Happy Trails Products. Only the dirt and nothin' but the dirt, well a little bit of pavement to get there.

### RUMBLE IN THE RED ROCKS

Sherry and I joined over 20 CMA members to help with Rumble in the Red Rocks in Moab. I managed to get a quick ride in the afternoon we arrived and wanted to get Sherry some shots of a waterfall. We doubled up on Jack (KTM 950 Adventure nick-named "Pumpkin", but I prefer "Jack" short for Jack o Lantern) and I explained with confidence to Sherry over the Autocom that the rut ahead of us would not be an issue. As you can see by the picture I was wrong. Friday, Day 2, I teamed up with Mike Sonzini on his DRZ400 E and we managed to get in a 60 mile loop after catching up on old times. On the way back into town Mike and I stopped into see Fred at Arrowhead Motorsports to see who could spin the big-



gest yarn and find out who was the fastest bench racer. We had to yield to Fred as he proudly showed us his new 450 Honda. Friday night I had the pleasure of being line judge for the flat track races. Saturday the CMA group was asked to help judge the Trials event. I even tried one of the sections on a borrowed 1980s TL125. Yes I did crash and burn but with a little encouragement I did retry the section as a #4 skilled rider but the #3 skill was too tough. Saturday night was back to the flat tracks and flagging. Sunday morning was the CMA Service and then the motocross. We cut out early to head back. I always enjoy Moab and the riding there.



### Pumpkin Riddle

A few hardy souls went on the Pumpkin Riddle ride in the Owyhee Mountains. I finally made it over Graveyard Point without having any problems. The bridge crossing Succor Creek has barricades that are only 37" wide. We only had one flat tire and one bike maintenance issue. Lunch was the legendary Trail Dog roasted to perfection over an open fire. The road over Black Mountain had been rutted heavily due to last winter and the road was receiving some maintenance. The result was a very challenging ride and a few bikes went down.



## **OCT 21 TIRE TECH**

**Ed did a great job and the all guys who attended had a good time.**

## **Nicaragua**

Sherry and I are leaving for Nicaragua November 10<sup>th</sup> and we will be returning November 20<sup>th</sup>. This is a CMA Mission trip working with Missionary Ventures. Our focus will be giving 4 motorcycles away to rural Pastors. There will be 16 of us on the trip. We will also be visiting hospitals, schools and a Re-Nutrition Center. The trip last year really impacted our lives and we can't wait to experience Nicaragua this year.



## **Prudhoe Bay to Ushuaia Record Broken**

The record for time for a motorcycle trip from Prudhoe Bay, Alaska USA to Ushuaia Argentina, the southernmost city in the World, was 35 days. Dick Fish is the new record holder with a time of 21 days 2 hours and 8 minutes. The mileage is approximately 14,400. With 16 border crossings, an airplane ride from Panama to Columbia, changing one set of tires and a clutch Dick was never bored. Another way to look at it is that if you rode 24 hours a day you would need to average 28.4 MPH, if you rode 18 hours a day you need to average 37.88 MPH or if you road 12 hours a day you would need to average 58.8 MPH.

There are few people on this earth who are capable of taking on a challenge of this magnitude and even fewer with the capability and experience to complete it on their own.

Dick is a private person who is not one to boast, however you pretty much know Dick's opinion on something in a few minutes. When I first heard of Dick's adventure we had just completed outfitting his Buell Ulysses with Happy Trails SU racks and Panniers. Last winter, Ken Hunter accompanied Dick on a Central America scouting trip to work out some details. Dick was thinking the Ulysses was up for the challenge and that Buell would be excited about being a partial sponsor on such an event. Imagine seeing a poster of North and South America with Prudhoe Bay at the top and Ushuaia at the bottom, Dick would be seated on the Ulysses with the Canadian flag in the background. The caption might say something like "the best cure for middle age crisis is Prudhoe bay to Ushuaia in 21 days." The Bold heading underneath might say if you only have three weeks vacation this might be a trip for you. Buell missed an opportunity to say that the Buell Ulysses conquered 2 continents and 16 countries in 21 days. In marketing today I firmly believe the more you personalize something the more effective it is. Harley has an ad out about black sheep and they all follow each other to a specific point and the black sheep are special. I think the ad is trying to show independence yet they are still sheep that need to be herded and their safety is in numbers. Maybe Buell is thinking of a different Ulysses than I am. I think of a powerful Greek Commander that was capable of conquering other countries.

Dick is not one to be easily sidelined and took the disappointing news in stride. Jim Young's R1150 GS Memorial Bike was resurrected. This bike set the standard for the Jim Young Memorial Ride (JYMR) for covering the 4 corners of North America; Prudhoe Bay, Goose Bay Labrador, Key West Florida, and Cabo San Lucas in Baja Mexico. Jim Young's Memorial site at Paradox Hill Colorado and back to Prudhoe Bay in 17 days 10 hours and 41 minutes. The mileage total for the ride (JYMR) Dick completed was 17,185. You can do the math. The R1150 also campaigned in the last Iron Butt and received a DNF due to engine failure. With a fresh rebuild on the engine and some other updates the R1150 was ready to roll.

You might say the sheep dog was unleashed to show the sheep the way!  
Happy Trails salutes Dick Fish and his new record.

Bikes for sale;

1983 XL Honda 600 Great condition and good tires. \$1995.00 [tim.bernard@happy-trail.com](mailto:tim.bernard@happy-trail.com)

2006 KLR 650 **300 miles**. This bike was specially prepped by Curtis, service manager at a local Honda shop, with all of his tricks. FMF pipe, Anodized green fork brace and wheels, trick suspension and to many other options.

Over 8K invested and only asking \$5995.00. [tim.bernard@happy-trail.com](mailto:tim.bernard@happy-trail.com)

5<sup>th</sup> Wheel for sale

2000 Tahoe Transporter model M-33TB 35" x 8" \$12,995.00. Good condition set up to haul 5 bikes inside, extra storage inside, top platform. [tim.bernard@happy-trail.com](mailto:tim.bernard@happy-trail.com)

Upcoming Dates:

**HAPPY TRAILS TECH DAZE FOR WINTER 2006 & 2007**

A look into what it takes to be trail savvy with your tires. What tire should you run, what tube is best for you, what spares you should pack and the HOW TO of Tire repair on the trail will be covered.

**NOVEMBER 18 VALVE DAY**

A look at valve adjustment do's & don't on different bikes. The shop will be open 8:30, tech day begins 9:00. We will do the KLR, a Suzuki DR650 and a DRZ400. Happy Trails legendary TRAIL dogs for lunch around noon. Finish up what's left of the tech day after lunch with Q@A time.

**DECEMBER 9 GENERAL MAINTENANCE**

Everything you should know and maybe a little bit more about the general maintenance of your bike. We will take a look at chains, air filters, oil changes and what tools to pack.

**January 27 2007 WELCOME THE NEW YEAR AND CHECK YOUR DOOHICKEY**

This will be winter Open House and chili cook off along with KLR Doohickey Tech day. Lots of good food, trail talk and door prizes.

**February 24 2007 SUSPENSION TECH DAY**

We are on the rebound from last year with this tech session. Figure out the best way to set up your bike.

**May 5 2007 CMA Run for the SON / Carl Struthers Memorial Ride**

The CMA Run for the SON is an international event that raised over 2 million dollars last year. Missionary Ventures receives 20% of the RFS money. When we visit Nicaragua we see first hand how that money is spent.